

New law extends the jurisdiction of the Housing and Environmental Court Division of the Municipal Court of New Orleans to the trial of ordinance violations of the city of New Orleans and the violations of state statutes which are not triable by a jury in certain criminal matter for civil enforcement of health, safety, and welfare ordinances, for administrative adjudication for violations of public health, housing, fire code, environmental building code, zoning, historic district, permitting vegetation, and nuisance ordinances.

New law provides, in Orleans Parish, that the public authority may enforce health, safety and welfare statutes or ordinances or otherwise seek to eliminate blighted property, unsafe structures and equipment, unlawful structures and structures unfit for human occupancy, housing violations or public nuisances additionally in the Housing and Environmental Court Division of the Municipal Court of New Orleans.

New law provides for the establishment of a separate environmental docket of the Housing and Environmental Court Division of the Municipal Court of New Orleans.

New law authorizes these matters being heard in the Municipal Court of New Orleans to be heard by summary proceeding.

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(Amends R.S. 33:1373(D) and 1374(D); Adds R.S. 13:2493.1(D))